

Inclusion Focus Group

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Agenda

- 9:30 – 10:00 Presentation
- 10:00 – 11:00 Group Activity
- 11:00 – 11:15 Report Out
- 11:15 – 11:30 Wrap-up

FY 2012 Pre-K Budget

Governor Deal's Proposal (March 7, 2011)

Georgia's Pre-K is back to being a 6.5 hour instructional day with 1.5 hours teacher planning.

Reductions

- 22 students per classroom
- Nine-month program (160 instructional days)
- Operating reduction (only 6.8%)
- T&E reduced
- Transition Coaches eliminated
- Governor's book
- Maintain nine credentialed rates

FY 2012 Pre-K Budget (cont.)

Additions

- 2,000 slots (costs \$3.1M)
- Longitudinal research (costs \$1.5M)
- CLASS observations (costs \$1.4M)
- Money for PANDA upgrades (\$100K)
- Work Sampling Online (3 year phase-in)

Total Program Funding Recommended by Governor Deal

- 86,000 slots
- \$300,660,944 Total Lottery Funding
- (\$54,355,712) in savings

DECAL's Commitment

- Child-Centered
- Transparent
- Equitable
- Receptive to New Ideas
- Family Friendly

Questions

- How will the increased class size affect Georgia's Pre-K inclusion classrooms?
- How will the shortened school year affect students with IEPs?
- How will the shortened year affect special education teachers?

Considerations

- To continue to enroll 18 students in inclusion classes would cost the Pre-K program \$1,249,852 in empty slots (452 slots/20 classes).
- To enroll 20 students in inclusion classes would cost the Pre-K program \$624,926 in empty slots (226 slots/10 classes).
- IEPs do not address the number of days in a school year.

Activity

- Assign someone to record the group's work.
- Assign someone to keep track of time. Thirty minutes for each activity.
- Share back with large group at 11:00.
- Turn in completed activity.

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